

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
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Notice FC-5

For: State and County Offices

Delegation of Authorities Previously Held by FmHA COC

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Credit Programs

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1 Overview

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Background

The Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, signed October 13, 1994, abolished the FmHA COC. This was done by striking Section 332 and paragraph (2) of Section 333 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT). All functions and authorities once delegated to the former FmHA COC were negated by this action. The functions once performed by FmHA COC are now the SED's responsibility. This includes making eligibility determinations and reviewing cases involving servicing actions where required by law or agency regulations.

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Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to provide:

- uninterrupted service to the producer
- a reminder to SED's that this authority must be delegated to the Ag Credit Teams.

Disposal

October 1, 1996

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and Ag Credit Teams

2 Action

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SED Action

The role of the FSA COC in Farm Credit Program (FCP) issues is currently under review. Written guidance on this matter will be provided when a policy decision has been made. Until that time, SED's will delegate all authorities once held by the FmHA COC to Ag Credit Teams only. SED's will delegate this authority only to those individuals who have been given loan approval authority according to FmHA Instruction 1901-A and Notice AO-1088. These delegations will be limited to individuals that SED determines have received proper training and have knowledge of eligibility and servicing regulations.

3 Additional Information

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Effective Date

The policies herein are effective October 1, 1995, for all unapproved loan and guarantee applications and all affected servicing actions.

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Contact

SED's shall direct questions regarding this policy to Chuck Ropp, FCP, Loan Making Division at 202-690-4017 through the Area Office.
